

III B.Tech I Semester Examinations, December 2011
FLIGHT MECHANICS-I
Aeronautical Engineering

Time: 3 hours**Max Marks: 80**

Answer any FIVE Questions
All Questions carry equal marks

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(b) Discuss the variation of minimum level speed with wing loading and P/W ratio (specified at sea level), for the airplane.
(c) Obtain an equation for the absolute ceiling of the airplane. [8+4+4]
3. (a) Name two devices each that may significantly improve the following aerodynamic characteristics of a wing, and describe how.
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4. (a) Classify the different flight regimes in terms of Mach number with neat sketches.
(b) What are the flow conditions before and after a normal shock wave? Draw neat sketches. [8+8]
5. (a) What is a rocket? What are the different types of rockets?
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6. Using Newton's second law of motion derive L (roll moment), M (pitch moment) and N (yawing moment) for an aircraft. [16]
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8. (a) The power required to generate a thrust of T at a flight speed V by a propeller is 3200kW . Using momentum theory, determine the power required to generate the same thrust and at the same flight speed if the diameter of the propeller is increased by 30%.
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